

J.M.J.

(Indiana)

Rensselaer, Oct. 12, 1888

My Dear Father Stephan,

There is one sub-voucher, made by the Agent at depot, Monon route Chicago, which had better be changed. In order to make it easy for the Agent I have made it out in triplicate. So he has nothing to do but sign. You will see it. Please send a boy with it to the depot on Polk and Dearborn Strs. And ask the Agent to sign it.

Afterwards put it in the envelope to Mr. Lusk. Father Malo's a/c for clothing does not belong to the government to pay, but I send it enclosed to you. I did not give Father Malo any money.

The man is fixing the barn just as you want it, with the iron rods

I recd the shoes from Mr. B. also from Miss Drexel 6 bouquets, 6 vases, 6 candlesticks, 2 branch candlesticks and a picture of the S.H. of Jesus and the S. H of Mary. These arrived by express yesterday.

The two girls were much pleased with the building. We are making a plain house which will do for this year. It will be done today.

We dug a well in the pasture and put in a pump. It is a good success. The late part of the summer has been so dry that we pump all the water for the cattle for many weeks already. The cistern in the court holds 200 barrels. I think we should have one or two cisterns outside of the house to furnish plenty of water, and a well at the barn. We also need pews or seats for the chapel. I think I can get a carpenter here to make 2 confessionals and a cupboard to hold vestments.

About the bedsteads. They have been here already 2 weeks, and complaints were made about the car. Saturday 8 cases containing 6 beds each were put in a car for Father Kuppens, Lauder, Wyoming, and the Agent filled the car with other freight for Chicago. It was switched way back on a side track and had not gone when your telegram came to him. He very kindly held the car back and waited Monday and Tuesday for a telegram from Miss Drexel but recd none. The General Freight Agent telegraphed him several times ordering him to send that car. Finally he had to do so, and the 48 bedsteads went on to Father Kuppens, Wednesday. Thursday afternoon I heard from Miss D. that 80 were to go to Purcell, 80 to Pawhuska and the remaining 55 stored here. I sent 80 to Pawhuska, I sent 80 to Purcell, and 48 had already gone to Lauder. There is only one case of 6 beds left which I brought here.

It rained last night and is raining all day today.

Yours truly in Xto,

George L. Willard